the R.B.I. for increased working capital facilities to replace the deposits deployed in the operation of the Company.

In the meantime, as further stated by the Company, he approval of the increased working capital facilities from the RBI|SBI have since been received and the banks will begin release of funds towards August/ September 1987. Thereafter, as the Company has stated, the required refunds will be made.

Sickness of industries in West Bengal

2519. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
SHRI KALPNATH RAI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the sickness of industries in West Bengal is causing concern to the Central Government sice huge funds from the banks have been locked up in those industries;

(b) whether Government have studied the reasons for the sickness of large units in West Bengal; and

(c) what steps have been taken to re-open those units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Government are concerned over industrial sickness in the entire country including West Bengal.

(b) The Reserve Bank of India has conducted a cause-wise analysis in respect of 378 large units which had been classified sick as on 31-12-1979 on an All-India basis. No specific study has been carried out by the Government for studying the causes of sick units in West Bengal.

(c) Rehabilitation packages are drawn by all concerned to restore the health of sick units. Cases of industrial companies which fall within the purview of the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR), which has become recently operational can be referred to the BIFR as well.

सिगरेट के उत्पादन में कमी

2520. **डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय :** क्या **उद्योग** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि गत पांच वर्षों के दौरान सिगरेटों के उत्पादन में लगातार कमी होती जा रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) क्या सिगरेटों के निर्यात में कोई वृद्धि हुई है ?

उद्योग मंत्रालय में औद्योगिक विकास विभाग मे राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० अरुणाचलम्) : (क) तकनीकी विकास के महानिदेशालय को दी गई सूचना के अनुसार संगठित क्षेत्र में पिछले 5 वर्षों के दौरान सिगरेटों का उत्पादन नीचे दिया गया है :—

क्रम सं०	वर्ष	सिगरेटों का उत्पादन (10 लाख नगों में)
1.	1982	83858
2.	1983	80551
3.	1984	84997
4.	1985	80681
5.	1986	75000 (अनुमानित)

(ख) उत्पादन में कमी अनेक कारकों से हुई है जैसे कि कीमतों में वृद्धियां, उत्पादन की लागत में वृद्धियां, स्वास्थ्य के प्रति अत्यधिक जागरूकता के फलस्वरूप सिगरेटों की खपत में कमी आदि।

(ग) जी, नहीं।

वर्ष 1982-83 से 1984-85 के दौरान सिगरेटों का निर्यात नीचे दिया गया है :-

सिगरेटों का निर्यात

(केवल वर्ष 1984-85 तक के आंकड़े ही उपलब्ध हैं)

वर्ष	मात्रा (मी० टनों में)	मूल्य (लाख रु० में)
1982-83	4814	1767.52
1983-84	2382	829.36
1984-85	1763	638.51

Sick units in Public and Private Sectors

2521. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL MATTO: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Industrial units, both in the public and private sectors separately, which were declared sick as on the 31st March, 1987 in all the three sectors viz. large, medium and small scale, separately;

(b) what steps Government have taken to rehabilitate these sick units and avoid such sickness in future; and

(c) whether Government have any plans to set up a separate and full fledged department at the centre under the direct charge of his Ministry for the rehabilitation of sick units; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Data on sick industrial units assisted by banks are collected by the Reserve Bank of India as per the definition of sickness adopted by it. The Reserve Bank of India furnishes Sector-wise data only in respect of large sick units. The latest available data from it in respect of large sick units as at the end of June 1986 are given below:

Industry	No. of units in Public-Sector	No. of Units in Private-Sector
1. Engineering & Electricals	33	136
2. Iron & Steel	3	34
3. Textiles	48	132
4. Chemicals	5	27
5. Jute	7	36
6. Sugar	25	20
7. Cement	1	3
8. Rubber	6	7
9 Miscellaneous	14	115
TOTAL	142	510

(b) To meet the problem of industrial sickness in the country the Government have taken various steps. The Reserve Bank of India have issued guidelines to the banks for strengthening the monitoring system and for arresting industrial sickness at an incipient stage so that corrective measures are taken in time. The banks have also been directed by the RBI to formulate rehabilitation packages for the revival of potentially viable units of each case. In addition, Government have enacted a comprehensive legislation, namely "The Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985" which provides for setting up of a quasi-judicial body designated as the 'Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction' (BIFR) to deal with the problems of